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Parks Superintendent

Richard Maciolek  
Assistant Superintendent

#### Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes for Thursday October 29, 2015

A. Call meeting to order: 7:05

Attendance: Chairman Girouard, Commissioner Fenton, Commissioner Bresnahan  
Commissioner Ziemba and Asst. Superintendent Maciolek

Motion to suspend meeting by Comm. Bresnahan seconded by Comm. Fenton

**Guests**

The Commission heard from Kim Babin and Michael Sheehan from the Veterans Office. They have requested to have a Veterans Memorial monument built at a parcel of land at the corner of Westover Rd. and Honeysuckle Dr. Along with a Rescue Dog memorial and a dog park.

The Commission also heard from Stanley Walczak. He had concerns about Fairview Memorial pool, Ray Ash pool and a new playground structure to be built at Fairview school

The meeting was called back to order at 7:17 by Comm. Motion Fenton seconded by Comm. Bresnahan

B. Minutes of the September 29th meeting will be reviewed at the November Commission Meeting.

C. **Communications:**

1. Letter from First Central Baptist Church to use Szot Park picnic area for a sunrise service and controlled bonfire Thanksgiving morning November 26th, 2015 from 6:00am-10:00am. Motion to approve by Comm. Fenton seconded by Comm. Bresnahan. Approved

2. Request by Chicopee Comp Football Alumni to host a touch football game at Szot or Szetela Park depending on availability. Organizers would be responsible for costs associated with our field rental guidelines. Motion to approve by Comm. Bresnahan seconded by Comm. Fenton pending final approval by Superintendent Porter.

D. **Recreation Report**

Asst. Superintendent Maciolek gave a rundown of what was going on during the Fall season and what to expect for the Winter months.

Suburban basketball coaches were approved. Motion by Comm. Fenton seconded by Comm. Bresnahan

Suburban Basketball School of Choice eligibility was discussed and request to revisit at next meeting. Motion by Comm. Bresnahan seconded by Comm. Fenton

E. **Maintenance Report**

The maintenance report was covered by Comm. Ziemba. Mentioned were tasked completed during September and October and what needs to be accomplished over the

next two months. Comm. Ziembra also passed along the many compliments he received about our Park & Rec staff who did a great job at the Halloween Spooktacular Event.

F. **Old Business**

1. Motion by Comm. Fenton seconded by Comm. Bresnahan to approve the Wisniowski Park- Our Common Backyards grant.
2. Comm. Ziembra gave an update on the Szot 2 & phase 3 construction. Motion to approve by Comm. Fenton seconded by Comm. Bresnahan.
3. The Commission reviewed the Fairview Playground Project Items 4 – 6 .The pool renovation update, Community Garden draft guidelines and application, and PARC Grant info all received.
7. Lincoln Grove Resource Center on going renovations, use by Mother Women for a 3 day training and request to Mayor for funding for a staff position to develop programming.
8. Rivers parking lot was painted
9. Other: Chairman Girouard asked about our labor force positions to be filled.

G. **New Business**

1. Motion by Comm. Bresnahan seconded by Comm. Fenton to approve the single use winter pool Open Swim
  2. Motion by Comm. Fenton seconded by Comm. Bresnahan to approve the Westover Industrial Gate Park for use as a memorial for Massachusetts Statewide casualties of the Iran/Iraq Gulf conflicts.
- No other new business was presented

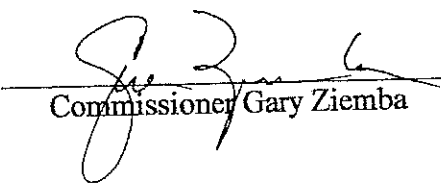
H. **Asst. Superintendent's Report**

- Asst. Superintendent Maciolek went over his duties since the last meeting.
- : Gymnasium usage – requests for space submitted to School Dept, practice schedules being developed
  - : Summer food program – report complete
  - : Cultural council grants – requests for new grants have been submitted
  - : Submittal and retrieval of remaining Szot Park Phase 2 grant monies

Motion to adjourn by Comm. Fenton seconded by Comm. Bresnahan at 8:04

Next meeting: November 24th, 2015

Minutes submitted by Commissioner Gary Ziembra

  
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Commissioner Gary Ziembra

11.6.15  
Date